

Prices and Prospects.

A DULL WEEK
IN COKE MARKET.

Recorded as one of the Most
Uneventful of the
Year.

LITTLE CONTRACT NEGOTIATING

Furnace That Tried an Inferior Grade
of Coke Sends Hurry Call for
Connellsville Product and Standard Iron
is the Result.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

PITTSBURG, July 19.—The coke market has passed one of the most uneventful weeks in the year. There has been little demand for prompt furnace coke, and almost as little offering, so that prices have not suffered materially. Considering the number of furnaces blown out in the past six weeks, the offerings of prompt furnace coke may be regarded as very light, production showing more flexibility than usual in adjusting itself to demand. There have, however, been a few furnaces blown in which have served to counterbalance, to an extent, the recent wholesale blowing out of furnaces. Josephine No. 1, for instance, went into blast a little over a week ago. Josephine No. 2, a new furnace, practically completed, but never in operation, is not scheduled to come in as yet. It is built particularly to make basic iron, the price for which is particularly low, and the furnace is not likely to go into blast until the price of basic iron advances somewhat.

There has been very little negotiating on contracts for furnace coke for the second half of the year. Several contracts for the half year were closed in June, but a few furnaces remain which are without a regular supply. These have covered for July and would probably buy readily enough if a very low price was named, but operators demand a very substantial premium over the prompt price for regular delivery during the remaining five months of the year. They realize the difficulties attendant upon making and shipping coke in winter and are also imbued with the idea, which prevails generally in the steel trade, that conditions are going to improve from month to month, so that however low the market for prompt coke is at the moment, the average price of prompt coke for the half year is likely to be much higher. The lowest price quoted on contracts for regular grades of furnace coke for the second half is \$1.65, and there are few sellers at this figure, the majority asking \$1.75 or higher.

Interesting gossip is going the rounds in regard to a furnace which was blown in recently upon an inferior grade of coke, high in sulphur and which the management could not get to make good iron. A hurry call had been made for standard Connellsville coke, which was bought in the open market and dispatched to the furnace, resulting in the curing of the difficulty. It is stated that the blast iron made already covers more than the expected saving through the purchase of the poor coke.

Demand for prompt foundry coke is light as foundries have been running slack as a rule. About all the coke has been closed for foundries which usually contract for this twelvemonth beginning July 1st, but several important interests are in the habit of contracting for a twelvemonth beginning August 1st, and this enquiry is coming into the market. Regular prices for foundry coke have not changed for some time, although in different grades have been selling at various prices according to the needs of the producers. Last week's quotations represent the market again this week:

Prompt furnace \$1.40 @ \$1.45
Contract furnace, 5 mos. \$1.65 @ \$1.75
Prompt foundry \$1.90 @ \$2.00
Contract foundry \$2.00 @ \$2.25

The movement in pig iron in the local market has been fairly large in the past week or two, but most of the sales are being made very quietly, there being indisposition on the part of both buyer and seller to divulge the details. While the inference is that there has been price cutting, the current prices are so much below actual cost of production, based on purchased ore and coke, that there does not seem to be room for cutting. Altogether it is estimated that in the past fortnight more than 50,000 tons of basic iron has been sold, at not over \$13, Valley, and probably at less, and about 50,000 tons of foundry iron, chiefly on the basis of \$13.50 at furnace, some of the furnaces taking a 90-cent rate to Pittsburgh, and others rates from 75 to 85 cents. Bessemer iron stays at \$15, Valley, and seems to be firmer than ever at that figure.

IRON AND STEEL

Pig iron consumers are bare of stocks, and with production so reduced as noted last week, a turn in the market is confidently predicted.

Mill Operations Somewhat Less Than the June Average.

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NEW YORK, July 19.—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron and Steel Report says:

"Steel mill operations are between 60 and 65% of full capacity, somewhat less than the June average, but showing no material decrease from last week. Production is chiefly against orders and specifications being received from day to day. The hot weather has not greatly interfered with production, partly because the mills are gaged and the duty upon the individual man is not so severe as when mills are running full, and partly, it is believed, because the increase of sanitary and hygienic knowledge has increased the endurance of the workmen."

"Sheets, merchant bars and tin plates lead in point of activity, pipe and wire products being the least active. There is practically no buying ahead, except that occasionally contracts are entered for sheets for forward delivery. In certain lines, such as bars, contracts are being entered, but these are more formal, practically options given the buyer. Steel producers continue to predict that there will be decided improvement in trade within a few weeks, and that the fall business will be very good, general buying increasing and the railroads placing large orders, whereas in the past twelve months they have not taken 20% of the total steel output. Tangible indications that this improvement is coming are lacking, so it is not impossible the market will drift into greater dullness in August."

"A large aggregate of pig iron, fully 100,000 tons, half basic and half foundry, is believed to have been sold in Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania in the past two weeks, buyers and sellers being very reticent as to details, probably from personal reasons. Pig iron prices are no better, but extended deliveries are commanding a slight premium over early deliveries, and with so many merchant furnaces out of blast it is believed stocks are going to be reduced. Consumers are bare of iron and any concentrated movement would quickly make a very active pig iron market. The leading consumer of southern iron, the pipe interest, recently discussed matters fully and decided not to buy for the present."

FARRELL OPTIMISTIC

President of Steel Corporation Says
Business Future Looks Good.

NEW YORK, July 19.—The steel trade of the world is exceedingly prosperous, according to J. A. Farrell, President of the steel trust, who returned from the Brussels conference on the Olympia today.

"The outlook in this country is excellent," he said, "and large orders can be expected from abroad in the near future."

Farrell was well pleased with the success in forming a universal steel trust at the Brussels conference. He said that the committee of five from each country, named to arrange for the formation of an international steel and iron association, would be able to report its plans probably within the next six months.

Charles M. Schwab, head, of the Bethlehem Steel Company, was another returning traveler. He confirmed the report that he had closed a contract with the Italian government for large quantities of armor plate. He also said he had bought 25,000,000 tons of Swedish ore for the Bethlehem plant.

MINE, EXPLOSION'S DEATH TOLL

Twenty-One Bodies Brought to Top of
Cascade Coal Company's Shaft.

DUBOIS, Pa., July 19.—But one body of the 21 victims of Skylesville's mine explosion that were last week brought to the surface was mutilated. It is therefore supposed that the greater number died from asphyxiation in the aftermath following the explosion, and G. A. Burrell, mine's chemist, is conducting a blood analysis, with a view to determining exactly how many died from this cause and how many as a direct result of the explosion.

The scene of the explosion was inspected immediately after the removal of the dead, but none of the rescue party will express an opinion as to the cause of the accident.

Coroner Sayers will open the inquest next Wednesday.

Unfounded Rumors.

Regarding the various rumors of negotiations involving a sale of the Virginia Iron, Coal & Coke Company, an official of the company is quoted as saying that there is no truth in any of the reports, and that no such proposition has ever been considered.

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION.	WEEK ENDING JULY 15, 1911.				WEEK ENDING JULY 8, 1911.			
District.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.
Connellsville.....	23,806	13,864	9,942	155,601	23,806	13,813	9,993	152,631
Lower Connellsville.....	15,593	9,850	5,743	115,099	15,393	10,120	5,473	114,491
Totals.....	39,399	23,714	15,685	270,700	39,199	23,933	15,466	267,122
Furnace Ovens.								
Connellsville.....	18,716	11,392	7,324	125,590	18,716	11,392	7,324	125,590
Lower Connellsville.....	4,613	2,968	1,655	35,219	4,613	3,155	1,455	36,418
Totals.....	23,329	14,360	8,979	160,809	23,329	14,547	8,779	162,008
Merchant Ovens.								
Connellsville.....	5,090	2,472	2,618	30,011	5,090	2,421	2,669	27,041
Lower Connellsville.....	10,380	6,892	4,088	79,850	10,380	6,992	4,018	78,075
Totals.....	15,470	9,364	6,706	109,861	15,470	9,413	6,687	105,116
SHIPMENTS.								
WEEK ENDING JULY 15, 1911.				WEEK ENDING JULY 8, 1911.				
To Pittsburg.....	3,185 Cars.				3,178 Cars.			
To Points West of Pittsburg.....	4,501 Cars.				3,935 Cars.			
To Points East of the Region.....	574 Cars.				593 Cars.			
Totals.....	8,260 Cars.				7,646 Cars.			

U. S. STEEL TO
DEVELOP NEW TRACT

Of Coal Which Was Recently
Purchased on Monongahela.

COKE OVENS FOR DUNLEVY

Engineers of the H. C. Frick Coke
Company Are Making Surveys Preliminary
to the Development.
Eight Thousand Acres in Field.

CHARLESTON, Pa., July 19.—With engineers on the ground making surveys of a large tract of land in Fallowfield and adjoining townships, the U. S. Steel Corporation is planning the largest development in years at Western Pennsylvania coal land for both coking and shipping purposes is indicated.

The developments, centering around Charleston will be made by the United States Steel Corporation with which the H. C. Frick Coke Company is affiliated. In the tract to be developed there are 8,200 acres lying south and southwest of Charleston and bounding the Vesta Coal Company's holdings. It is said that the holdings, much of which was recently acquired, will extend back to Fallowfield creek. It includes either the whole or part of 13 farms.

The engineers are surveying "the crop line. Most of the coal is that formerly held by the River Coal combine and purchased years ago from it. The deal for the United States Steel Corporation was put through by the Frick company."

Two openings are to be made, it is stated, and it is probable that for the present Redbird mine will answer. This mine has been closed down for some time. The other opening, it is said, will be at Beechwood. The Redbird opening will be south and the other opening will be to the north.

While facilities will be provided for either rail or river shipments, it is said, considerable of the coal will be used for coking purposes. It is the intention to build coke ovens in the vicinity of Dunlevy and coke much of the coal. Most of the Frick mines are in the vicinity of Uniontown, but the coal of that section can well be used for coking purposes only. Nearly all the coal opening on the Monongahela river in the fourth pool is good for both coking and steam purposes. The farms from under which most of the coal will be taken are, The Moffitt Kropfs, Ward heirs, Alexander, Simon, Thomas Allman, Henry Rider, Simon Rider, John Phyle, John W. Carson, Theodore Spahr, Lot Winnert, Milton Winnert and parts of the farms of Ada Winnert and the Lutes heirs.

Removing Company Houses.

ALVERTON, July 15.—Ten double houses at the Southwest plant of the H. C. Frick Coke Company here are being torn down by Contractor Eicher, of Scottsdale. They are being moved to Hecla. The removal of the houses is on account of the closing down of the mine here, it being planned now to take all coal to the Southwest plant at Tarr.

Grouting Concrete.

Grouting the surface of concrete in order to make it smooth leaves it subject to unequal wear, owing to the lack of uniformity in the degree of hardness in a thin layer of cement. The "set" of a thin sheet of cement is not the same as that of a large mass.

B. & O. PRAISES

Services of Late General Knott as
Director.

SOMERSET, July 19.—The following extract from the minutes of a recent meeting of the board of directors of the Pittsburgh & Connellsville Railroad Company, in Pittsburgh, has been received here:

"The board of directors record with deep regret the death on July 1, 1911, of General William Henry Knott, a director of this company, since April 1, 1910."

"During the thirty-five years of service on this board he had been unremitting in his attention to the duties devolving upon him, and continually gave evidence of his deep and abiding interest in the progress and welfare of the company, and his wide legal knowledge was frequently availed of in solving the problems confronting it."

"He was kindly and courteous at all times, possessed an inexhaustible fund of anecdote, and was most companionable. We mourn his loss and that we shall see his face amongst us no more."

"While it will not be news to the legal profession that John G. Ogile, Esq., has been retained as general counsel by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, for Somerset county, the fact that he will continue to represent the B. & O. here will be gratifying to the entire country."

The firm of Knott & Ogile, which was dissolved by the recent death of the senior partner had been general counsel for the B. & O. and subsidiary interests here for many years, and the retention of Mr. Ogile, who has long been regarded as a leading member of the bar, is but the natural sequence.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MINERS.

Bureau Will Send Out Rescue Car
and Experts.

Mine Rescue Car No. 7 of the Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior, carrying a number of experts was taken from the arsenal grounds this morning for a trip through Western Pennsylvania to give demonstrations and instructions in first aid to the injured and mine rescue methods to miners. The car will be followed by an expert first aid man, who will visit the towns in which the car stops during its trip to organize and completely train all who wish to become proficient in the work.

Following is the scheduled route of the car, with time of arrival and departure at the various towns: Leaves Pittsburgh today at 7:35 A. M., arriving in Smithton at 9:01; leaves Smithton on July 21 at 6:15 A. M., arriving in West Newton at 6:26; leaves West Newton on July 22 at 8:50 A. M., arriving at Whitsett at 9:10 A. M.; leaves Whitsett on July 26 at 6:07 A. M., arriving in Pittsburgh at 7:46 A. M. The same day the car will be taken to McDonald, arriving at 1:07 P. M.; leaves McDonald July 28 at 1:32 P. M., arriving at Carnegie at 1:48 P. M.; leaves Carnegie July 30 at 1:45 P. M., returning to Pittsburgh, July 31 and August 1 the car will be at Finleyville.

DISMISSAL DECIDES CASE.

Coal Suit Pending in West Virginia
Court 16 Years.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., July 19.—In dismissing the bill of the plaintiffs in the case of James Lazelle et al. against John P. Keenan's wife and heirs Judge Mason at the July term of the Monongalia Circuit Court decides a case which has been pending for the last 16 years, and which involved 130 acres of property in the Cass district, underlain by the Pittsburgh vein of coal and valued at \$100,000. The chief point involved in the case was the competency of Thomas F. Lazelle to make a deed.

Production and Output.

F. M. OSBORNE DEAD.

Was First President of the Pittsburgh
Coal Company.

CLEVELAND, O., July 17.—Frank M. Osborne, millionaire coal operator, died at 6 o'clock Sunday morning in St. Vincent's hospital, Toledo, O., after he had collapsed on a Lake Shore train. Osborne dropped unconscious in a Pullman drawing room at 11:30 o'clock Saturday night, three-quarters of an hour after he had left Cleveland with his wife. He did not recover consciousness and a physician and ambulance met the train at Toledo. He was hurried to the hospital from the train. His death was caused by a cerebral hemorrhage.

Osborne's death will affect a wide range of large commercial ventures, since, in addition to being one of the largest coal operators in the middle west, he was a banker, a heavy shareholder in many shipping enterprises on the Great Lakes and interested indirectly in the steel business. In the mines he had begun to rank with the larger operators and in 1898, at a time when he was operating the West Newton, Pa. mines, he was instrumental in forming the merger known as the Pittsburgh Coal Company. He was first president of that company and served two years, until he resigned to form the \$150,000 Youngsberry & Ohio Coal Company, of which he was president.

At the time of his death Osborne was president of 12 corporations and director in nearly as many more. He was at the head of the Youngsberry & Ohio Company, the Beaver Dam Coal Company, the Big Vein Coal Company, the E. N. Boggs Coal Company, the Glechrist Transportation Company, the Globe Steamship Company, the Lake Shore Transit Company, the Lorain Coal Company, the Lorain Steamship Company and the Trumbull and Mahoning Water Company.

FRICK VETERANS
Large Crowd Attended at Idlewild
On Wednesday.

A jolly and well provisioned crowd gathered at the Pennsylvania station at Scottsdale yesterday, and boarded the special train that conveyed them to Idlewild park, the occasion being the fifth annual picnic of the H. C. Frick Coke Company's Veterans' Association.

While there were quite a number of veterans in the gathering, it was a difficult matter to pick them out. They seemed to have left their "veteran" looks and ways behind, and had evidently made up their minds to be of the younger set, for today, at least.

The Scofield train was made up of seven coaches and a baggage car, and stopped at Fair, Youngwood and East Greensburg. A second train, for the accommodation of those in the south end of the region was made up at Uniontown and stopped at stations between there and Scottsdale.

A ball game, dancing and athletics will provide amusement for everybody and a general good time is assured.

Old Spring Grove Coke.

Under the management of that veteran superintendent, John White, so well known in coke circles, the Spring Grove plant of Cochran Brothers is manufacturing a quality of coke that cannot be beaten in the coke districts of Fayette county. In the early history of coke making when Cochran and Keister ran the Spring Grove plant, its coke ranked as first on the market. Mr. White has the proud distinction of knowing the Spring Grove coke of today is the equal of that of Cochran and Keister in former years.

Lock No. 4 Coal Shipments.

Coal shipments for the first six months period of 1911, closing June 30, did not total up as well as those of last year according to Lock No. 4, Monongahela river reports. Owing to comparatively slack business, shipments with a total shipment of only \$1,700,000 bushels, fell away behind the average for the month. For the first six months the total was 94,483,000 bushels, which compared with the total for the first six months of last year of 95,100,000 shows a decrease of 1,600,000 bushels.

Greene County Coal Deal.

A deal was closed Saturday in which H. L. Dunlap, of Waynesburg, purchased 100 acres of coal land in Center township, Greene county, from D. L. Headlee, A. J. Dye and Frank W. Mearns, all of Waynesburg, who purchased the coal about a year ago from Harry Taylor and Charles Shirk at \$15 per acre. The price paid by Mr. Dunlap was \$175 per acre. The coal is underlying the farm of James Church.

Take Over Sandy Valley.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company is to take over the Sandy Valley & Elkhorst railroad, the new line being built to tap the 200,000 acre coal tract of the Consolidation Coal Company, in Kentucky, as soon as the latter is completed. The purchasing company has agreed to equip the property to permit the hauling of 2,000,000 tons of coal annually.

TALK OF MERGER
IS AGAIN HEARD.

Recent Experiences May
Bring About Better Re-
sults Than in Past.

MERCHANT OPERATORS' CASE

Like That of the Kansas Settler
Whose Roof Leaked—Central Selling
Agency Next Best to Merger.
Production and Output Last Week.

The Connellsville coke trade remains in a state of incoherent despondency chiefly because there is little market and less cohesion among the manufacturers. The merchant operators of the Connellsville region are a proper pattern of the Arkansas settler whose roof leaked. When it rained it was too wet to fix it and when the sun shone it didn't need fixing. When prices are good the Connellsville operators flock by themselves separately, and when prices are bad they talk merger but never accomplish it because times are too bad. In this age of consolidation, conservation and clipped costs of manufacture it does seem that the merchant operators of the Connellsville region were some like "Lainie the band wagon."

The best proposition is an absolute merger. The next best a central selling agency. The former failed through no fault of the operators. The latter never materialized because the operators distrusted each other. The central selling agency is a proposition of doubtful legality. The merger, if it is an absolute and unqualified sale, such as was originally proposed, is unassailable. There is a disposition among the merchant operators to weaken to any proposition that will insure better prices. Coke prices have been breaking for many months past. Coal has been sold in large quantities and persistently at less than the actual cost of manufacture, and up to this time there is no relief in sight. These conditions have revived merger talk, and the matter may come up again with better results than those which attended the initial effort.

Production made a gain last week of 7,575 tons as compared with the preceding week, the total being 270,700 tons as against 267,122 tons. The output of the furnace ovens fell 67,137 tons, the total being 160,809 tons as compared with 162,008 tons, while the merchant ovens made a gain of 4,774 tons, the total being 169,581 tons as against 167,116 tons.

The running output increased from 437 days to 529 days. The furnace ovens averaged 5.92 days as compared with 5 days the previous week, while the average of the merchant ovens was 145 days as against 135 days.

Of the 11,250 furnace ovens in operation, 10 ran seven days; 648 ran six days; 12,872 ran five days; 568 ran four days.

Of the 9,374 merchant ovens in operation, 10 ran seven days; 6,064 ran six days; 16,336 ran five days; 1,041 ran four days and 60 ran three days.

Of the entire 22,711 ovens in operation, 10 ran seven days; 6,064 ran six days; 16,336 ran five days; 1,041 ran four days and 60 ran three days.

Shipments took an upward bound and made a gain of 614 cars, the total being 8,260 cars as compared with 7,646 cars the week before. The increase was all along the line, shipments to Pittsburgh increasing 7 cars, to points west of Pittsburgh, 566 cars and to points east, 41 cars.

The number of active ovens in the region was increased by the firing of 66 at Grace and 49 scattering, total 109. And decreased by the blowing out of 200 at Fairbanks; 70 at Low Phos; 40 at Champion; and 5 scattering, total 119, making a net decrease of 219 ovens.

Washington Coke Production.

The coke production of the State of Washington last year amounted to 25,343 tons, as reported by the Geological Survey. This was an increase of 38 per cent over 1909. A larger percentage of gain than was recorded by any other State, even if the total was small.

Shaft in Drift Region.

Nearly all coal mines in Virginia are worked by drift or slopes but we notice that the Churchill Corporation has just put down a shaft which reaches a depth of 120 feet. It is concrete lined and will be in full operation in a few weeks.

Interstate Decision.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has decided that the Southern Ry.'s rates on coal from Birmingham, Ala., to points in Georgia, South Carolina and Florida are not unreasonable or discriminatory.

TEACHING CORPS ARE GIVEN SCHOOLS.

Dunbar Directors Place the Teachers for Ensuing Term.

NEW TEACHERS ALSO ELECTED

Old Teachers Get Their Old Rooms Back—List of Teachers and Schools They Will Have Announced by the Board.

The Dunbar township school board met Thursday afternoon at the Arlington Hotel and elected teachers for 19 schools and placed the teachers elected at a recent meeting. The complete corps of teachers is as follows: Adelaide, No. 1, Agnes Smith; No. 2, Elsie Burkholder; No. 3, Jacobina Hunker; No. 4, Rena Cossell; No. 5, Margaret Harrigan; No. 6, R. A. Snyder.

Cross Keys, Catherine Logan; Crossland, Lucille Wolf; Eagle, Melissa Gibson.

East Liberty, No. 1, Georgia McBurney; No. 2, Dana Hornbeck; No. 3, Bertha McFarland; No. 4, Gladys Porter; No. 5, California State Normal graduate; No. 6, A. M. Snyder.

Fayette, Agnes O'Donovan; Furnace, No. 1, Mattie Bowden; No. 2, Anna Leckey; No. 3, Leora Black; No. 4, Nellie Breakiron; No. 5, Nellie Moyer; No. 6, Sample Cochran; Hennessy, Margaret Henry; Hickory Bottom, Rose Hoy; Hughes, Birdella Miller.

Juniata, No. 1, Bertha Fuchrer; No. 2, John McCartney; Lelensing, No. 1, Room No. 1, Emma Menzer; No. 2, Mayne Donovan; No. 3, Jessie Ball; No. 4, Amanda Strickler; No. 5, Anna B. Rowan; No. 6, Ralph Dunn; No. 7, Anna Mae Lewis; No. 8, California State Normal graduate; Linton, Clarence McFarland; Monarch, No. 1, Lucy Cropp; No. 2, Winnie Burns; No. 3, Catherine Donovan; No. 4, Anna Lafayette; No. 5, Hilda Cramer; No. 6, Charles Rowan.

Nelly, Mary Leight; No. 2, Mary Zanchi; Paul No. 1, vacant; No. 2, Ethel Gordon.

Pechin, No. 1, Lucy Scott; No. 2, Agnes Nemon; No. 3, Sadie Keffler; No. 4, Bennett Tarr.

Sandy Hollow, Mae Pickett; Silka, Catherine Burns; Summit, Viola Van Horn; Trotter, No. 1, Florence Gayender; No. 2, Eva Gray; No. 3, Mary Rowe; No. 4, Katherine Kelly; No. 5, Grace Robinson; No. 6, Lyman Miller.

West Lelensing, No. 1, Nora Creed; No. 2, Rose Meegan; No. 3, Anna White; No. 4, Jane Ray; No. 5, H. V. Snyder.

White, Jane Scott; Wheeler, No. 1, Hazel Weber; No. 2, Andrian Hews; Woodside, Edith Smith; High School faculty, Florence Eberhart, Grace Zilfater, J. M. Glass and C. H. Schwab.

Following the usual custom the board, the teachers' salary will be increased according to the number of years they have taught in the township. A dollar is added to each month for every year.

The supply contract was let to J. R. Weidman & Company of Pittsburgh, their bid being the lowest. A number of desks were purchased from the American Seating Company.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Given for Miss Irene Lint at Her Dawson Home.

DAWSON, July 13.—About 50 friends and relatives gathered at the home of W. C. Lint, on near Dawson, to celebrate Miss Irene Lint's seventeenth birthday anniversary. Tuesday, July 11, quite a number of nice as well as useful presents were given to Miss Irene. The evening was spent in various plays. Among the out of town guests present were: Ralph and Ray Whiskey, Clell Richter, Miss Myrtle Forker, of near Dawson; Elmer Goodwin, Vanderbilt; Clyde Roth and Scott Roth, Liberty; Annie Junk, Miss Belle Russell, Miss Myrtle Dillinger and John Russell, Spring Grove; Leonard Yauger, Broad Ford; John and Alf Lint, Spring Grove Hill; Ralph Newell, Jackson Hill; Bennie Lint, Chicago; Lince Lint, of near Dawson; Miss Blanche Lint, Lint.

At 10 o'clock a sumptuous supper was served and at a late hour the guests departed for their homes wishing Miss Irene many more happy birthdays to come.

UPPER TYRONE TEACHERS

Elected at a Meeting of the Board Held on Monday.

Teachers for the coming term were chosen at a meeting of the Upper Tyrone school board Thursday as follows: McClure, Margaret Boyle, \$52; Walnut Hill, Ruth Bell, \$50; Keefe, town No. 1, Martha Faith, \$53; Keefe, town No. 2, Marcella Hearty, \$53; South Emerson No. 1, Elizabeth Newton, \$50; South Emerson No. 2, Harry Brooks, \$50; Tinsman No. 1, Irene Connors, \$45; Tinsman No. 2, Margaret Kane, \$50; Tinsman No. 3, Retta Dull, \$51; Ridgeway No. 1, Mollie Graue, \$53; Ridgeway No. 2, Bess McLaughlin, \$50; Broad Ford No. 1, Ann Cossell, \$55; Broad Ford No. 2, Katherine King, \$53; Miss Ethel Burkett, substitute teacher.

SOMERSET MAN COUGHS UP 5 INCH LIZARD.

ROCKWOOD, July 14.—(Special.)—John Seese, aged sixty years and a resident of Shade township has been ill for some time past with a severe pain in his stomach. On Thursday his condition became acute and after violent coughing and retching he brought up a 5 inch lizard, the cause of all his complaints. The lizard is being preserved by the attending physician.

Seese had a queer, kind of wriggling sensation in his stomach for several days. Seese thinks he swallowed the lizard while drinking from a spring in the mountains about a year ago. The lizard lived several hours after Seese had coughed it up.

PNEUMONIA FATAL

To Edward Gregg, a Well Known Traveling Man.

Edward Gregg, one of the most widely known traveling men in Western Pennsylvania, died Friday at his apartments in the First National Bank building, Uniontown, after a brief illness of pneumonia. Six years ago he moved from Pittsburgh to Uniontown.

About a week ago Mr. Gregg contracted pneumonia and although everything possible was done for him that medical science and good nursing could do he sank gradually until death came at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mr. Gregg was well known in Connelville. He had been coming here as the representative of Pittsburgh Druggists for more than 20 years.

Mr. Gregg was the son of Levi and Phoebe Gregg. He was born at Gregg station, near Pittsburgh. He married Miss Helen Fox of Pittsburgh, September 6, 1894. At the time of his death he was the local representative of Somers, Fidler, Todd & Company, a hardware firm of Pittsburgh. He was a member of the Tancore Commandery, No. 28, of Pittsburgh, a "2nd degree" Mason and a Shriner.

ON EUROPEAN TRIP

Father M. A. Lambing Off on Tour of Two Months.

Rev. Father M. A. Lambing, pastor of St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic church, sailed from New York July 3, for a three months European tour. The Saxonia, on which he sailed, was due to arrive at Maderia yesterday. After a short stay in Maderia, Father Lambing will visit the following cities: Gibraltar, Genoa, Naples and Rome, arriving at the latter city July 21. He will be granted an audience by the Pope and will remain in the Eternal City for some time.

At the time of his departure, Father Lambing has not decided on his itinerary beyond Rome, but it will include a number of famous cities and points of interest. He will return the latter part of September.

During Father Lambing's absence, his assistant, Rev. Father Duval, will be in charge of the parish.

BOROUGH SUE.

Mt. Pleasant Policemen Want Salaries for June.

Edward Stevens, former chief of police, and W. P. Ong, formerly an officer of the force, who were removed by the borough council without a hearing, June 6, have brought suit against the borough of Mt. Pleasant for their salaries for the month of June. The policemen were given checks for their salaries for the five days of June which they served, but they returned the paper and have brought suit in Squire Rhodes' court at Greensburg for the full month's salaries.

The claim that the law requires that they shall not be removed without a hearing, and that they are therefore still entitled to pay as officers.

FIRE DRILLS

Must Be Held in Manufacturing Plants in the State.

HARRISBURG, Pa., July 15.—(Special.)—Capt. John C. Delaney, chief factory inspector yesterday issued a circular to all of the deputy factory inspectors in the State outside of Philadelphia, directing that fire drills be held at once in manufacturing establishments.

The fire drill act was designed to provide all employees, especially women and girls, with a knowledge of the way to act in case of fire so that the best advantage may be taken of fire escapes and exits. The bill was signed by Gov. John K. Tener soon after the Legislature adjourned and a few factories have already put it into operation.

MILK QUENCHED FIRE.

Fanner McChesney Used It When Lightning Fired Barn.

Milk and water saved the large barn on the W. P. McChesney farm, near Crabtree, from destruction by fire when lightning struck it in a terrific electrical storm.

The barn was ignited by a bolt when the storm was at its height. The presence of mind of two boys, Andrew and Edward McChesney, prevented the flames from gaining headway.

Grabbing up a five-gallon can of milk and one of similar size filled with water, the boys dashed the fluids on the blaze, extinguishing it. The damage was trifling.

Two Miners Killed.

GREENSBURG, Pa., July 15.—(Special.)—Mike Sandrich of Haysville, aged 49, was crushed to death by a wagon and Peter Cindlich, aged 40, also of Haysville, was killed by a fall of slate in the Keystone Coal Company's mines yesterday.

OHIOPILE BRIDGE NEARING COMPLETION

West Structure Over the Yough Receiving Last Touches.

PLACING THE FINAL SPANS

Is One of the Highest on the Western Maryland Railroad—East Bridge at Mountain Resort is Already Completed.

The first of next week will see the completion of the west bridge of the Western Maryland at Ohiopile. Up to yesterday, eight of the 12 girders, or four of the six spans, were in place. The spans are being swung into place at the rate of two each day by the crane crew of 12 men.

The west bridge is one of the highest on the division, it being 100 feet from the top of the rails to the low water mark in the river. The spans were placed from the east end of the viaduct. Yesterday the men worked for the first time at exceptional height. Today they will place the immense steel trusses, weighing approximately four tons each, over the highest part of the bridge.

It is said that every precaution is being taken to prevent a repetition of the fatal mishap of last week at Salisbury Junction. Great care is observed in bracing the big crane before the steel is swung free above the chasm that yawns below.

The structural steel workers display great agility and walk about the dizzy framework without the aid of an eyeline and are often called upon to perform spectacular feats.

Yesterday, while placing the seventh girder, one of the ropes on a block became tangled. One of the workmen calmly grasped the ropes, slid 10 feet to the block, suspended in mid-air, and kicked the knot free. After joking with the men both above and below him, he grasped a rope that was lowered, gained a footing in the noose, and from the hoisting engine and climbed over the ends of the ties as though they were but a foot above ground instead of a hundred.

The east bridge is now completed. The railroad makes an overhead crossing over the street leading to the county bridge spanning the Yough.

ROBBED POSTOFFICE.

A Foreigner and Son Are in Trouble at Sutersville.

Fred Ames, of the State police, accompanied by Special Officer Frank Vitoli, of Blythdale, arrested Tony Kobesky and his son on a charge of robbing the postoffice at Blythdale about a month ago. Both are held pending an investigation and are confined in the lockup at Sutersville.

The arrest was made last night at No. 2 mine of the Pittsburgh Coal Company at Blythdale, where Kobesky is employed. The use of postage stamps, a quantity of which, together with other stamps, taken on the night of the robbery, led to the arrest of the men. The prisoners stoutly deny complicity in the affair.

CAVALRY REUNION.

Seventh Pennsylvania Will Meet This Year at Williamsport.

The annual reunion of the Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry will be held early in September in Williamsport. The surviving members of the regiment residing in Connelville are eagerly looking forward to the reunion which is always a most enjoyable affair. Old acquaintances are renewed and a general good time is always had by all. Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry men whose health will permit them to take the trip. Among the local members of the Cavalry are Col. J. J. Barnhart, Smith Dawson, Clark Collins and John Boyd. The reunion was held in Connelville last year.

WANTS MORE GROUND.

Steel Corporation Securing Options in Duquesne.

It became known Thursday that the United States Steel interests have taken options on several properties in the northeastern section of the First Ward, Duquesne. It is said the property wanted is bounded on one side by Mill street and on the other by River avenue. A real estate agent is securing the options and in some cases the property is being bought outright. Just what improvements are in contemplation is not stated. The plot of ground said to be in negotiation is not large enough to erect mills of great size, but it is understood the property is wanted to give track room for the Union railroad.

New Postal Bank Depositories. The following Western Pennsylvania banks have been made depositories for postal savings banks in their communities: The Peoples National, Latrobe; the First National, Scottdale; the Union National, New Brighton; the Peoples National, Wilmerding; the Grange National, Patton; the Citizens Trust Company and the First National, Canonsburg; the First National, Reynoldsville; the First National, Blairsville; the First National, Sewickley; the Beaver County Trust Company, New Brighton; the St. Marys National, St. Marys.

CAN SELL ICE.

Brewers Win in Test Case Brought in Dauphin County.

Judge S. J. McCarrell of the Dauphin county court Thursday handed down an opinion in the action brought by the State against the Independent, Pittsburg, Star and Victor brewing companies of Western Pennsylvania to restrain them from the manufacture and sale of ice. It was contended that such business was in violation of charter rights.

The court holds that ice is a necessary adjunct to the manufacture of malt and brewed liquors and that the companies may make ice and supply enough to keep beer in transportation. They may also sell the excess provided the excess ice "has not been purposely created in order to engage in the business of selling ice."

DIRECTORS CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL.

Upper Tyrone Pupils Will Attend Scottdale or Connelville.

HAD GRADUATED ONE CLASS

Directors Not Satisfied With Results in Building That is Considered Inadequate as Compared to Neighboring Towns.

Upper Tyrone township will have no High School this year according to action taken by the Board of Directors at their last meeting. This move will result in an increased attendance at the Connelville and Scottdale High schools. The rates of tuition in the Scottdale schools for pupils coming from outside the district are \$4 in the High School and \$1.75 in the grades per month.

The Upper Tyrone township pupils who have finished the elementary studies and wish to enter High School from about Owensdale will attend the Scottdale High School, while those further down the valley will have to go to Connelville through Broad Ford. There is quite a difference of opinion among the people of the district, some believing that the High School is too burdensome and others claiming it is not.

The building at Owensdale is entirely inadequate for a High School and lacks equipment such as found elsewhere. For all the advantages gained by attending Scottdale and Connelville the amount each pupil will cost will better pay the expense than to go to the impossible expense to secure anything approaching the advantages offered in the two towns named.

The need of a High School is evident as the High School has turned out one class of seven pupils and there is a large junior class ready to burst forth as full fledged seniors. With many of their hopes are shattered sadly on account of the inconvenience they will encounter in attending the town schools, largely by reason of poor train service, as the most of the pupils live north of Broad Ford. The schools and teachers elected for them in Upper Tyrone are as follows:

Keefe, town No. 2, Marcella Hearty; No. 1, Bertha M. Faith. South Emerson, No. 2, Harry B. Brooks; No. 1, Elizabeth Newton. Tinsman, No. 3, Letta Dull; No. 2, Margaret Kane; No. 1, Irene Connors. Ridgeway, No. 2, Bess McLaughlin; No. 1, Amelia Gurse. Broad Ford, No. 2, Katherine King; No. 1, Annie Cossell.

Prof. P. O. Peterson was elected teacher of penmanship at a salary of \$8 per month. The teachers' salaries are \$45, \$50 and \$55 per month.

700 MINERS OUT.

Walkout Reported at Mines in Bentleyville.

WASHINGTON, Pa., July 15.—(Special.)—Between 600 and 700 miners at the Pittsburgh-Westmoreland Company's Acme mines at Bentleyville are on strike, and from reports received yesterday, it is likely no amicable adjustment can be reached for several days. Serious developments are feared, on account of bitter feeling between Slavs and Italians employed at the mine.

Investigating Drowning of Infant Murdered at Casselman a Week Ago.

The drowning of a little Dorothy Blanche Shank in a spring at Casselman just a week ago is still the talk of that community. There is no doubt whatever but that the infant was lifted out of a basket in the kitchen where it slept and carried to the cellar and drowned in the spring. A quiet investigation, it is said, is still being made with the purpose of fastening the crime on the guilty person.

There were two children in the Shank family, one, Edie, three years old and Dorothy Blanche. The eldest child was asleep on the porch of the house Saturday afternoon and the infant was placed in a basket in the kitchen by its mother. Shank was a minor, was asleep in an upstairs room. Their nine-year-old daughter of a neighbor named Cook came to the house shortly after dinner and was sent to the store on an errand by Mrs. Shank, who meanwhile left the sleeping children temporarily and went to the Cook home. Returning in the course of 15 minutes, she noticed that her babe had disappeared from the basket and that the door leading to the cellar was ajar. The child Edie was still asleep on the porch. Mrs. Shank remembered having closed the cellar door before leaving the house. Going to the cellar she was horrified to find little Dorothy Blanche drowned in the spring.

The mother appeared wholly sincere in her manifestations of grief and the father likewise. Neither was able to offer a hint as to any happening that might have actuated someone to the crime in search of revenge.

Coroner Kimmell says that the infant was undoubtedly murdered, but in climes to the opinion that the murderer will never be apprehended. The parents of the child bear excellent reputations and they have the sympathy of all their neighbors in their distress.

PECULIAR ACCIDENT TO WILLIAM PERCY.

Found Unconscious in Ware Room of the Tri-State Candy Company.

NOT A MARK ON HIM

When He Was Found and He Does Not Remember Having Been Struck, But Physician Thinks He Suffered Slight Concussion.

William Percy, an employee of the Tri-State Candy Company, is confined to his home on West Peach street as the result of an accident with which he met Friday afternoon while at work. How the accident occurred is a mystery. Soon after returning from his lunch yesterday afternoon, accompanied by Clarence May and Elmer Morgan, he went to the cellar to arrange a carload of peanuts which had recently arrived. Morgan and Ray had left their work to go into another part of the cellar and on their return they found Mr. Percy lying across the truck in an unconscious condition. Morgan and Ray immediately ran for assistance and in a short time the young man had been removed to his home and a physician was immediately summoned. It was 4 o'clock when he regained consciousness. This morning his condition is improved and he is resting easy.

How the accident occurred is not known by the young man or the employees of the company. He had just unloaded six bags of peanuts each of which weighed over 100 pounds, when he remembers of becoming dizzy and from that time he remembered nothing until after he had gained consciousness. He doesn't know whether he laid down or fell down on the truck. The attending physician is of the belief that the young man struck his head against some object, which caused a slight concussion. He was not injured internally and there were no marks on his head. His temperature was also normal. The young man is 19 years old and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Percy of West Peach street.

GIVEN A CEMETERY.

Polish Catholic Church of West Side Gets Burial Ground.

Holy Trinity Polish Roman Catholic Church in the West Side has come into possession of a tract of five acres of land in Connelville township. It came as a gift to the congregation through the good offices of President Thomas Lynch of the H. C. Frick Coke Company and the generosity of the Carnegie Land Company. The site adjoins Poplar Grove park of lots, just north of Connelville and is located on the Northwest corner of the old Huttermore farm.

Under the direction of the pastor the grounds are being fenced. A crucifix was erected today near the center of the tract. The cemetery will likely be dedicated in October.

APPELLANTS LOSE.

South Connelville Will Now Likely Become a Borough.

The Superior Court has affirmed the opinion of Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen in the case of an appeal from an order for the incorporation of South Connelville.

The petition to incorporate was filed May 4, 1909, and on November 15, 1910, Judge Van Swearingen granted the petition, authorizing the incorporation. Exceptions were filed and an appeal taken to the Superior Court November 29, 1910.

The Superior Court yesterday dismissed the appeal at the cost of the appellants. It is possible that the case will be carried to the Supreme Court.

C. A. Brill's Will.

The will of the late C. A. Brill leaves an estate worth \$25,000 to his wife, of which \$18,000 is in life insurance. Mrs. Brill is appointed executrix.

Sell Livery Stable.

C. B. and W. H. Wilkey have sold their livery and feed stable at Uniontown to J. Rosenfeld for \$3,200.

TRAVELING ROCKER INJURES WOMAN AT SUTERSVILLE.

Mrs. Jane Franklin, one of Sutersville's estimable women was painfully injured Thursday evening when the rocker on which she was sitting to get a breath of air from the tough dropped from a veranda five feet to the ground. The rocker was one of the sort that has two mutations. As it rocks it moves either forward or backward across the floor, depending on what angle it is sitting at the time the party in the chair begins operations.

Mrs. Franklin's chair was moving backward Thursday evening when it came to the edge of the veranda and in the fall Mrs. Franklin received painful, but not serious injuries.

TOOK OWN LIFE.

Former Member of Legislature From Washington Kills Himself.

WASHINGTON, Pa., July 13.—Believed to have been mentally unbalanced by grief over the death of his wife and four children, Brit Hart, 62 years old, a wealthy retired business man, ended his life yesterday afternoon by jumping into a tank of water in East Maiden street, opposite his residence.

Richard King, a stoker at the power plant of the company, saw the man climbing a ladder to the top of the tank, which is ten feet high, and calling to a pedestrian, followed. Before he reached the tank Hart leaped in and the efforts of King and the other man to rescue him were futile. Hart sinking almost immediately. The body was recovered 16 minutes later.

Hart was born in West Bethlehem township, Washington county. He was a son of John Gibson Hart, former associate judge of Washington county. For years Hart operated grain elevators here and was a large real estate holder. In 1884 he was elected to the State Legislature.

FAIR DATES

For Western Pennsylvania Announced by Secretary B. Frank Emery.

B. Frank Emery, of Millboro, secretary and treasurer of the Sandy Plains Fair Association, announces the dates for ten fairs in Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The first fair will be held at Sandy Plains on August 8, 9 and 10. The racing program at Sandy Plains includes a 2:19 pace, 2:30 pace, 2:25 trot and a gentleman's road race. There has been a large number of horses entered for every race. Besides the racing there will be a number of exhibits.

Other fair dates on the circuit are as follows: Bellefonte, August 15 to 18; Dawson, August 22 to 25; Morgantown, W. Va., August 29 to September 1; Wheeling, W. Va., September 5 to 8; Jefferson, September 12 to 15; Carmichaels, September 19 to 22; Mt. Morris, September 23 to 26; Washington, September 26 to 29; Wagnersburg, October 2 to 6.

NEW TERRITORY

Has Been Secured by the Tri-State Telephone Company.

By a contract signed last Thursday afternoon between the officials of the Big Redstone Home Mutual Telephone Company, and A. M. Critchton, division manager of the Tri-State Telephone Company, Washington, Perry, Jefferson, Redstone and Metallen townships will be connected with the latter company exclusively for the next five years.

The meeting was held at Tippecanoe and was attended by the officers and representatives of the three telephone companies interested. The contract was signed by George C. Allen, president, and Elmer E. Hazelbaker, secretary, of the Big Redstone Home Mutual Company, and by A. M. Critchton, division manager of the Tri-State company.

Tracks Washed Out.

The severe rains of the past week have washed out the track of the Pittsburgh, Westmoreland and Somerset railroad at several points between Ligonier and Somerset.

THOMAS JOHNSTON KILLED BY TRAIN.

Picturesque Morgan Valley Resident Run Down Near Broad Ford.

STRUCK BY DUQUESNE LIMITED

Came From Somerset County in 1850 and Located at Morgan Where He Acquired Small Farm and Resided Thereon for Years.

Thomas Johnston, one of the most picturesque characters of the Morgan Valley, was instantly killed on Thursday when struck by the Duquesne Limited just east of the old slope of the Henry Clay mine near Broad Ford. Johnston became confused upon the approach of the flyer and is said to have stepped directly upon the rails in front of the big engine. His body was badly mangled.

Mr. Johnston was well known in Connelville and Dawson. He was almost 63 years old but despite his advanced age was of sturdy build. He attracted considerable attention by walking from his home at Morgan Station to both Connelville and Dawson. He often walked to either of these towns in preference to traveling by train.

The body was taken to Parkhill's undertaking establishment at Dawson where it was prepared for burial. The accident happened shortly after 7:30 o'clock.

Thomas Johnston was born near Somerset August 22, 1848, and came to Morgan Station in the early '60's, where he worked for the late Peter Rice. Wages at that period were low, 50 cents per day being the maximum; but notwithstanding this, Johnston, by the exercise of strict economy and application, was able to save sufficient money to buy about 50 acres of land from Rice, on which he erected a house in 1868. Mr. Johnston had lived there continuously ever since. His wife died January 7, 1911.

Some of his land was underlaid with coal, and in 1892 he sold four acres to Francis Rocks for \$1,000 per acre. This coal was subsequently sold to the H. C. Frick Coke Company by Rocks. Johnston is survived by seven children, three boys and four girls: Fred and Mary, at home; Henry and Martin now living in Colorado; Mrs. Maria Jones, Connelville; Mrs. George Holifield, Mt. Pleasant; and Mrs. Thomas Brown, Lockrone.

PREDICTED DEATH

At a Certain Time and the Prediction Came True.

There was buried yesterday morning at Stahlstown, the body of an eccentric character, Lemmon Freeman, a man of probably 50 years of age, who had been a lifelong resident of the Little town in the valley. His death occurred on Monday afternoon, and with his demise there went from the community a man who for years had been one of the town's eccentrics, his mental peculiarities having made him the butt of teasing men and boys, through all of which he invariably had maintained the same equanimity of temper.

His death was not unexpected, he having been sick for months. It is being told that on Monday morning when "Little Jim" Thompson, a merchant of Stahlstown, called to see him, the sick man told him to see Squire Miller, the town undertaker, to come around. "Tell him to come up and measure me, for I'm going to die this afternoon," he is reported to have said. He died Monday afternoon.

Freeman was a man possessed of considerable property which had been left him. He is survived by a mother and by several other relatives.

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Picture Show Opens in Morgan Valley; The Natives Are Going Back to Nature.

Morgan has a five cent moving picture show. James Tarr

BIG SALES OF GREENE CO. COAL.

Transactions During the Past Week Aggregated Large Sums.

OUTSIDE CAPITAL INVESTING

Buyers Have Seen Coal Grow Steadily in Value and Fortunes Will Be Made Again Within a Few Years—Some of the Sales Made.

The Waynesburg Republican says old time activity in Greene county coal acreage was manifest this week and deals aggregating nearly two hundred thousand dollars were closed.

Ellie G. Eyer, of Altoona, Pa., was in Waynesburg on Monday and accepted a deed for 500 acres of coal in Allegheny township, which he purchased from a number of persons in Bedford and Cambria counties who invested in the coal five years ago at \$40 an acre. They have realized a good profit, as the consideration he paid them is in the neighborhood of \$50,000. Eyer was already a large investor in Greene county coal, which has greatly advanced since he purchased it and he has strong faith in its rapid advancement in the future. He says that if more of his friends about his section of the State could have faith in this coal as an investment they would realize fortunes out of it. Many persons in Bedford, Blair, Cambria and Huntingdon counties invested there a few years ago and have seen values doubled and tripled since. The parties from whom Eyer purchased the Allegheny block are: John S. Herschberger, Dr. S. Howard Gump, Mrs. Margaret Mann, of Everett, Pa.; Anson Herschberger, Dr. M. E. Brennan, of Saxton; J. E. Morris, of Johnstown; A. B. Egoft, of Bedford; Dr. J. G. Hanks, of Brezewood; E. M. Painter, of Hopewell; Nathan Hanks estate and Warren S. Smith estate, Bedford county. The coal underlies the Russell Sammons, Lewis Antill, D. W. Chess, John Henry, A. G. Miller and John, Nancy and J. W. Anderson farms.

W. J. Kyle, Esq., of Waynesburg, this week purchased from Hon. R. L. Crawford, of Pittsburgh, the latter's interest of 155 1/2 acres in what is known as the "Smith Creek block" of coal, the consideration being \$21,130.80. Judge Crawford accepted in part payment Mr. Kyle's fine Peerless touring car. Mr. Kyle now owns about 375 acres in the "Smith creek block" which is regarded as valuable coal. The entire block contains nearly 5,000 acres.

Paul Willis, Esq., an attorney of Carlisle, Pa., as trustee in bankruptcy for D. W. Ebbert, of Milton, Pa., sold at the public outcry in front of the Waynesburg court house, on Monday, a 50 acre interest in three tracts of coal in Morris township, located between Nineveh and Swarth. The first National Bank of Everett, Pa., was the purchaser, at \$139 per acre, cash; the total consideration being \$4,170. H. F. Gump, Esq., president of the bank, Dr. M. W. Bender of Everett and A. L. Little, an attorney of Bedford, were in Waynesburg representing interests.

Another large sale of Greene county coal which took place this week, was the purchase by George W. Davidson, of Charleston, of the interest in the "Morris township coal block" belonging to the estate of the late Sherman Grim, deceased. The interest was about 345 acres, being 7,180, in 95 tracts, aggregating over 8,800 acres located in East and West Fairley townships, Washington county, and Morris township, Greene county. The total consideration was \$45,115.70, a deed for the property being made by J. P. Allum, administrator of the estate.

G. Edward Huffman of Waynesburg, this week, sold to Jesse O. Smith of Donora, one-half interest in 239 acres of coal in Springhill at \$120 per acre; the total consideration being \$15,950. James Patrick Donley and wife sold to J. V. Thompson of Uniontown, 44 1/2 acres of coal in Perry township, consideration \$10,934.91, being about \$248 per acre.

A deed was executed a few days ago by Dr. L. E. Shull to W. D. Shull and Mrs. Avidney Wiscarver of Waynesburg, upon a contract of several years standing, for 141 acres of coal in Whiteley township; consideration, \$15,507.36. Mrs. Wiscarver sold her interest in the tract this week at \$300 per acre.

E. D. Patterson has purchased an undivided one-fourth interest in a tract of 140 acres of coal in Whiteley township from Mrs. T. J. Wiscarver, of Waynesburg, at \$300 per acre; total consideration, \$10,500. The coal is known as the L. E. Shull and Lucinda Patterson tract and the purchase was made for J. V. Thompson.

E. D. Patterson has purchased a 25 acre interest in a tract of 320 acres of coal in Whiteley township, from Mrs. Samuel Crawford, at \$300 per acre; total consideration \$7,500.

Greensburg is Being Boomed. GREENSBURG, July 14.—Greensburg has a working board of trade. An association launched here about three weeks ago became a reality when the promised 400-mark in membership was passed today. It is proposed to go in for big municipal development and to spend money freely to bring the town before the world.

MAPS ARE FILED

Showing Route of New Trolley Line into Greene County.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., July 13.—John W. Ross, an engineer for the Mount Morris & Morgantown Railway company placed on file in the county clerk's office yesterday morning the first two maps showing the proposed line from Randall to a point a little more than a mile north of Madsville on Robinson run. The other maps are being completed as rapidly as possible and will be placed on record as soon as they are approved by the directors of the company.

The first map shows the profile from the point of connection with the M. & D. V. to the town of Madsville. According to the map, the Mount Morris line begins in Randall or Jintown at the point where the Dunkard valley line curves up along Scott's run. Crossing Scott's run the Mount Morris line runs between the new location of the county road and the river. According to the profile of the B. & N., the county road is to be changed at this point so that it will run between the railroad and the river. The Mount Morris line will then be on the lower side of the county road.

From the northern bank of Scott's run the trolley line is projected along the county road through the properties of A. H. Tall, Brock & Courtney, the Consolidation Coal Company and T. C. Eyerly to Madsville. At Madsville the line runs up Robinson run on the lower side of that stream. Leaving the county road for a short distance and following the run, the line goes through the properties of W. B. Smith, Lowry B. Smith, William P. Everly, George Barbe, W. J. Sanders and J. L. Jamison. At this point the line joins the road again, running along Robinson run to the land of Spencer Forest and Fred Sanders. The second map shows the profile from Madsville to this point.

This route, in as far as it is found practicable, has been approved by the directors of the company. Right of way men are now on the ground securing rights of way and subscriptions at the same time. The stock subscriptions now total \$80,000, just half of the sum necessary for the construction of the line. Just as soon as the rights of way are signed up the company will begin actual construction. If the total stock subscription will not pay the cost of construction at that time the company will build the line as far as possible and then bond it to cover the cost of putting down the remainder of the track. The engineers estimate the total cost at \$120,000, while the backers of the project figure at least \$80,000 can easily be raised in local stock subscriptions.

EXTENSION TO GREENE

County Coal Fields May Be Contemplated by Baltimore & Ohio.

A rumor is current, started by a visit of Baltimore & Ohio officials over the branch of the Baltimore & Ohio to Elm Grove, that plans are under consideration for an extension of the old Wheeling line projected a number of years ago and on which considerable work was done. The proposed extension at this time, according to report, is for the purpose of tapping the Greene county coal field. Both the Pennsylvania and Lake Erie, through their connections on the Monongahela river, are in a position to get into the Greene county field just as soon as operation on a large scale starts. In fact the Pennsylvania railroad already has a branch into Greene county.

A branch of the Baltimore & Ohio into Greene county would give Greene coal a short outlet to tide water, since Lake Erie shipments would have to come around by way of McKeesport, to get Western Maryland connection, unless a short cut is built between the Monongahela river and a point on the Lake Erie close to Conneltsville.

While the construction of the Wheeling branch was only completed as far as the Rainey plant at Elm Grove work was under way as far as the Monongahela river. The old piers for a bridge are still standing at a point not far from Newell. Grading was partly done all the way from Elm Grove to the river.

The branch has always been known as the O. & B. Short Line. It connects with the Fairmont branch at a point about a mile above Greene Junction.

DUNBAR MINES

May Resume if Report Concerning Hill Farm and Ferguson Are True.

Rumors are current at Dunbar that Hill Farm and Ferguson mines, for years abandoned because of internal fires, are to be reopened and the remaining coal mined and coked in the Semetsovaly or by-product ovens at the furnace, and that there are prospects of the furnace itself starting in the not distant future.

Several weeks ago investigations were begun as to the condition of the fire in the Hill Farm mine and the advisability of mining the remaining coal. A corps of engineers made the investigation, and it is said that they discovered no trace of fire in or about the mine and their belief is no fire exists. In pursuance with this report preparations are said to be making to reopen the mines and procure the coal.

GOES TO INDIANA NORMAL.

Friends of Prof. J. F. Wiley, former principal of the Conneltsville public schools, have received word from him that he has been appointed to the chair of mathematics at Indiana Normal and has assigned the principalship of the Irwin schools to accept.

UNION SUPPLY PICNIC

Will Be Held at Shady Grove on July 25th.

The second annual outing of the Union Supply Company will be held at Shady Grove park on Tuesday, July 25. On that day over 1,500 employees of that company will enjoy a day of complete pleasure. In order that there be no lack of Shady Grove park has been chartered for the day and the amusements will be open only to the members of the big Union Supply family. Transportation, amusements, etc., will be absolutely free to the picnickers.

The outing will be exclusively for the Union Supply Company as a day of recreation and pleasure. All the Union Supply stores in Fayette, Westmoreland and Allegheny counties will be closed that day and from present indications sickness will be the only barrier to prevent the attendance of every one of the Union Supply boys. Every one from the president, secretary and treasurer of the company to the delivery boys will be on hand to join in the many festivities of the day. Special cars, railroad trains and automobiles will be secured to convey the men and their families to Shady Grove, where Manager R. S. Coyle is already making great preparations for the big event. The employees of the Pittsburgh office, with their families will be among the picnickers. Special cars on the West Penn will be chartered and a special train will be run on the Pennsylvania railroad. Automobiles will also be pressed into service and it is probable that a few persons from Westmoreland county will make the trip to Shady Grove in that manner.

STEEL EARNINGS

For the Past Quarter Are Hard to Estimate.

NEW YORK, June 19.—Estimates of the earnings of the United States Steel Corporation for the quarter just closed are more than usually difficult to make since they are complicated by the reductions in steel prices made on June 1, the ore movement from the Great Lakes and a heavy export business. Shipments for the quarter are believed to be in the neighborhood of 2,300,000 tons, and it is estimated that between 20 per cent and 25 per cent of this tonnage was sold abroad at prices very much less than domestic quotations.

Moreover, the ore movement, which usually contributes heavily to the profits of the corporation's transportation properties during the season of navigation, has this year been comparatively small, and will consequently not add so much to the second quarter's earnings of the corporation. A conservative allowance of \$12 a ton would bring the earnings, based on the estimated shipments, to about \$27,000,000. At \$12 3/4 a ton they would be about \$29,750,000. A full estimate for the quarter, therefore, would be about \$25,500,000, comparing with \$22,519,200 the first quarter.

HENRY BITTNER KILLED

Falling Tree Split and Struck Him on the Head.

Henry Bittner, who resided near Hay's Mill, Somerset county, was killed Tuesday while working in the woods for P. S. Baer who is operating a sawmill near Hay's Mill. Bittner and Mahlon Wright were working together and were chopping down a tree. As it started to fall, Bittner stepped back, but the tree split on the stump and a portion of it flew sideways and struck him on the head, crushing his skull and killing him instantly. He was 64 years old and leaves a widow and several children.

Last Idle Furnace to Work.

President C. S. Price of the Cambria Steel Company at Johnstown Wednesday afternoon authorized the announcement that No. 4 furnace, idle since April, has been blown in during the past few days and that No. 2, the last furnace remaining out of commission, will be put in use during the next few days. This does not mean any rush in orders, but is due to a steady accession of small orders, and reflects the Cambria policy to keep as much of its plant as possible in continuous operation.

C. W. Gorsuch Promoted.

C. W. Gorsuch, who was chief clerk in the office of the superintendent of the Pittsburgh division of the Baltimore & Ohio for a number of years, filling the position most capably and acceptably, has come to his reward in the form of a promotion to a similar position to the general superintendent of transportation at Baltimore and has left for the scene of his new duties. No successor has been chosen by General Superintendent Peck as yet.

Wants Route Changed.

A committee of Masonstown business men went to Pittsburgh Tuesday to hold a conference with officials of the West Penn Traction Company in an effort to have the route of the company's line into that town changed so that instead of striking the edge of the town, it would go through the center of the place and thus eliminate the long walk that is necessary under present conditions before reaching the business section of the town.

Full Crew Law Opposed.

HARRISBURG, July 14.—Injunction proceedings to restrain the State Railroad Commission from enforcing the provisions of the "full crew" act of the last Legislature were brought in the Dauphin county court yesterday by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

ORGANIZE FIGHT

Against the New Truck Rule on the Railroads.

The fight of the traveling public with the railroads over the new 40-inch trunk rule is on. Definite and concrete action was taken at the meeting of representatives of commercial bodies of a large number of cities, held at Chicago this week at which a committee was appointed to confer with the railroad companies in an endeavor to induce them to abrogate the rule, or at least to modify it materially and, if they consent to the last mentioned alternative to induce them to defer the enforcement of the regulation until January 1, 1912, instead of having it become effective on the first of next year.

Briefly stated, the objectionable regulation inhibits the carriage of trunks measuring more than 70 inches in any one dimension as baggage and imposes an excess carrying charge of an amount equal to that now charged for each 10 pounds in excess of 150 and for every inch in excess of 40.

The contention of the railroads in the premises is, that they would stop the use of some unduly large sample trunks and break widebody trunks, that have appeared in late years each of which it is claimed, occupies space in a baggage car equal to four times that required for an ordinary-sized trunk, but the organizations and individuals who are opposing the enforcement of the new regulation insist that it is intended as a matter of fact, to check an increase of passenger revenues, since such a relatively large number of trunks at this time measure more than 70 inches in some one dimension at least.

Opponents of the rule, also, maintain that trunk manufacturers and dealers will experience heavy losses, were the rule to be enforced as it stands, since not only would stock already made up be rendered unsalable, but new patterns must be designed and machinery changed. The right of the railroads to limit the size, as well as the weight of baggage that they will carry free of charge is conceded by the more reasonable among the persons who are heading the movement to effect a change in the time, or manner, or both of the enforcement of the new regulations, although the rule itself, as it stands, is argued, entirely to the disadvantage of passengers. Other and more radical individuals favor an appeal to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Meantime, however, the committee appointed by the conference will endeavor to induce the railroads to modify their original plan of a 10-inch trunk.

HOTEL COPE SOLD.

Ed. Bieren, Former P. R. R. Man Is Purchaser.

The Hotel Cope, W. J. Houston, proprietor, on West Pittsburgh street and Pennsylvania avenue, Greensburg, has been sold to E. K. Bieren, subject to a transfer of the license.

The sale was announced on Wednesday morning. Mr. Bieren, however, did not give out the purchase price. Other than he has bought the well known hotel on condition that he gets the license, Mr. Bieren said he had nothing to say.

The deal, it is said, had been pending for several weeks and the sale was not fully determined upon until late Tuesday. Mr. Bieren was formerly a passenger conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad, running for many years on the Southwest branch.

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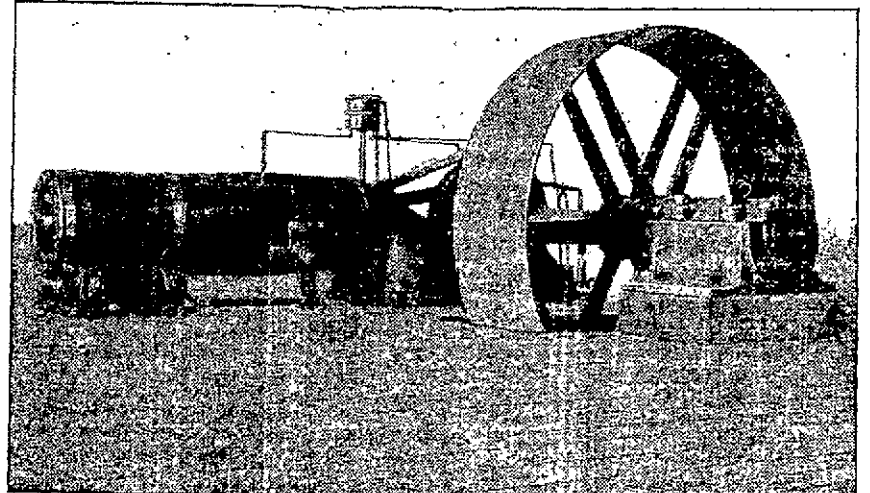
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